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Dear Friend:

I called you on the phone today, but you were out of town. It is just as well for me to write you, so you can study the things in this letter, and let me know what you think.

First of all the more I think of the game being planned, the more excited I get about it. Now I want to get a contract off to Satchell Paige so we will feel sure he will be there. We will have to guarantee Satchell a Thousand Dollars if the game is played. That is what he gets at all the big promotions.

For the rest of the ballplayers they will be glad to work for a percentage of the gate, I am sure. A lot depends on the size of the gate you would expect. If you are going to underwrite and promote the whole affair, I think the Colored team should get at least 25%. Twenty percent for the players and five percent for me. I will furnish the uniforms, and get the team together. This is really not much, but I think this would interest them. I told you some of them have been used to going to New Orleans for a North South game in the years past. The offer would have to be interesting to make them want to come here instead.

What are the chances for a three game series? Sunday and Tuesday night in Brooklyn, and Monday night in Newark. This would make it doubly interesting.

Please decide right away what you want to do as I want to get several men from the other league. All this will take time, and we would want to get all the time possible on publicity.

Very Truly Yours